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Philadelphia, PA)

# THE SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812,

IN

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

J. E. BURNETT BUCKENHAM M. D.,

SECRETARY,

CHESTNUT HILL, PHILA.



Philadelphia, Nov. 22, 1922.

Dear Sir:- Some time ago Dr. Warren, Benjamin asked me to communicate with you regarding the insignia of the Society, I think relating to the Bronze and the Gold Insignia. As a matter of fact if you will let me know just what you wanted to know, I will try to let you know.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Burnett Buckenham,  
Secretary.

Mr. Harold Wood,  
Council,  
American Numismatic Society;



November 24th, 1922

Dr. J. E. Burnet Buckenham  
The Society of the War of 1812  
Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

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Thanking you for information you may be able to give us, I am

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E



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AND 156TH STREETS  
NEW YORK

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*Howland Wood*  
Curator

HW/E

*Nov. 25, 1922.*

*Dear Sir:- There was a bronze and a 14 kt gold insignia identical in design, differing only in the metal, which was the insignia of the Society prior to the adoption of the present 14 kt. gold insignia, consisting of the anchor and other devices associated with it; the ribbon probably differed in minor detail but as I have never seen the old ribbon I can't say definitely what it was. But if it comes to you on the insignia you have it is likely to be authentic as the B.B. & B. Co. makers are usually correct in such matters.*

*Very truly yours,  
J. E. Burnet Buckenham, Secy 1812.*



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Masonic Temple, Phila.

May 7th, 1926.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,  
The American Numismatic Society,  
Broadway between 155th & 156th St.,  
New York City, N.Y.

My Dear Mr. Wood:-

I am enclosing a rubbing of a medal which I have and  
which no one so far consulted appears to recognize.

It is of coin gold. Someone has suggested that it was given to certain  
people as a souvenir at the Inauguration Ball of President Jackson when he  
began his second term.

If you can identify it, I will be grateful to you for so doing.

Very truly yours,

*J.E. Burnett Buckenham*  
Librarian and Curator.

*Have in good silver & copper*

May 8th, 1926

J. E. Burnet Buckenham, Esq.  
Masonic Temple  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Buckenham:

Replying to your letter of May 7th, I place no special significance on the Jackson token. It is a Mint production, and we find similar pieces of all the noted Presidents, from Washington to, at least, Garfield. As nearly all of them show about the same style of die-cutting, I am inclined to believe that most of them were made about the same time - say, some where in the fifties or sixties. The series on the whole is not rare and can be bought even today, I think, at the Mint for a small sum. Occasionally, one finds a specimen in gold, although the Mint carries no stock of them in this metal, it will always make one on order. The Society has several specimens in gold, and we have here the identical piece, of which you send a rubbing, in gold, silver and bronze.

Very truly yours,

Enc.

Curator